

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 8-13 are now pending in the application. Claims 6 and 7 are withdrawn. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND §103

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sulavuori et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,636,264) in view of Wiki 1, Wiki 2 and Mandell (U.S. Pat. No. 4,829,299). Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sulavuori in view of Dent (U.S. Pat. No. 5,276,764). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicant's invention relates generally to data communication. Of note, Claims 1 and 8 have been amended so as to recite that a musical sound output section is driven by means of an inverter. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, on page 25, lines 4-15 and page 27, line 12 to page 28, line 6 of the specification, FIG. 8 (the fourth embodiment), page 32, lines 1-11 of the specification, and FIGs. 17-18 (the sixth embodiment).

By driving the musical sound output section by means of the inverter, it is possible to realize the driving section with an extremely simple structure, and hence low-cost data receiving apparatuses can be provided. In addition, it is possible to improve the distortion of the waveform of a signal which is input to the driving section, and thus the waveform can be shaped. As a result, the signal-to-noise (S/N) ratio of musical sound signals can be increased and the quality of the musical sound signals can be improved.

In contrast, none of the applied references (including the admitted prior art, Wiki 1, and Wiki 2) disclose or suggest the technical idea of using an inverter as a driving section. Therefore, even if the citations are combined with each other, the foregoing advantageous effect of the invention as recited in independent Claims 1 and 8 (hereinafter referred to as "the present invention") cannot be obtained therefrom. In this way, the present invention includes the foregoing limitation which is neither taught nor suggested by the citations and can provide the foregoing distinctive advantageous effect. Therefore, the present invention is not obvious from the citations and hence is patentable over the citations. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750, under Order No. 5259-000031/US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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